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## MOROCCAN EDUCATION DELEGATION TO VISIT KENTUCKY

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – A delegation of educators from Morocco will visit Kentucky November 22-25 to support international civic education collaboration between Kentucky and Moroccan teachers.

The group, which includes high-ranking Moroccan education officials, will arrive in Louisville on Sunday, Nov. 22. On Monday, Nov. 23, the group will meet with Kentucky Department of Education staff, Kentucky Supreme Court officials, teachers, legislators, university representatives and others. The group also will see a presentation on the Kentucky Virtual School and travel to northern Kentucky to observe a Teen Court activity. On Tuesday, Nov. 24, the group will visit Thad Elmore's 8th-grade Project Based Civics classroom at Talton K. Stone Middle School in the Elizabethtown Independent school district. The group will depart Kentucky on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

The visit is designed to support an exchange of high quality civic education teaching and learning practices for the 21st century through Teen Court and a Project Citizen collaboration between teachers from the two countries. The partnering teachers use the Kentucky Virtual School's tools and resources as the primary mode for communication in dealing with public policy issues in their communities. The Kentucky and Morocco civic education collaborative is a result of a partnership among the [Moroccan Center for Civic Education](#), the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, the National Center for Civic Education and the Kentucky Department of Education.

Participants include:

- Khadija Benchouikh, director, Ministry of Education Academy for Education and Training, Casablanca
  - Mohamed Zaki, director, Ministry of Education Academy for Education and Training, Chaouia Wardigha
  - Elarbi Imad, president, Moroccan Center for Civic Education
  - Dr. Terry Holliday, Kentucky Commissioner of Education
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- Felicia Cummins Smith, associate commissioner, Office of Teaching and Learning
- Hon. Justice Mary Noble, Supreme Court of Kentucky
- Deborah Williamson, Ph.D., Administrative Office of the Courts
- Natalie Bolton, Ph.D., University of Louisville, Office of Civic Education and Engagement/PC coordinator
- Lawrence Hayes, Eastern Kentucky University, director of Sign Language Interpreting

A full agenda follows.

**Monday, November 23**

9 a.m. – noon	meeting in state Transportation Cabinet building, Frankfort
noon – 2 p.m.	traditional Thanksgiving luncheon State Board Room
4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	observe Teen Court and meet with Judge Karen A. Thomas, Newport
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	dinner

**Tuesday, November 24**

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	visit Talton K. Stone Middle School, Elizabethtown Independent
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	lunch
1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	visit Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace, Hodgenville

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